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1. On 7 May 54 six or seven Soviet naval vessels were observed about 60 nautical miles northeast of Vardoe. They were on a northerly course at low speed. There was considerable air activity around the ships.
 2. On 12 May 54 there were observed at 69 40 N, 34 15 E, thirteen Soviet naval vessels engaged in maneuvers. They consisted of two cruisers of the Sverdlov class and eleven destroyers coming from the east and disappearing in the direction of Kola Bay. The cruisers were in line abreast, with the destroyers in three groups behind them. They were zigzagging and emitting searchlight signals. Four seaplanes and two jets were constantly circling the ships.

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